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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSIONS

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LOW NASA TO PETROV
INTERCOSMOS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FRIDAY MAY 16.

2. HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM DR. LUNNEY THAT SOVIET SIDE
WISHES DEFER ASTP PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSIONS UNTIL JUNE 2.

3. APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING TO DISCUSS ALL
ITEMS ON AGENDA NEXT WEEK. AGREE THAT MOST CAN BE DEFERRED
TO JUNE 2. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE OPEN
ISSUES WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE FLIGHT READINESS
REVIEW ON MAY 22.

----- A. PROCEDURES TO SATISFY BILATERAL TELEVISION
REQUIREMENTS DURING INITIAL GREETING.

----- B. PROCEDURES FOR JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE.

----- C. PROCEDURES FOR USSR TELEVISION TOUR.

----- D. US NETWORK TELEVISION FROM MOSCOW PRESS CENTER.

4. AM THEREFORE ASKING DONNELLY AND SHAFER TO PROCEED TO
MOSCOW (ARRIVING MAY 17 VIA BEA FLIGHT 672 AT 4:30 PM). AM
FURTHER ASKING THEM TO ADDRESS ABOVE TOPICS WITH SOVIET
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REPRESENTATIVES YOU DESIGNATE ON SCHEDULE WHICH WILL PERMIT

YOU AND I TO RESOLVE ANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES PRIOR TO MAY 22
FLIGHT READINESS REVIEW. THE AGENDA ITEMS OTHER THAN THESE

FOUR WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL JUNE 2. KISSINGER

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